

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 706 - SB 970

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines the term "visible" as such term applies to outdoor advertising.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – The definition of visible in the bill varies from the federal definition found in regulations that prescribe standards for effective control of outdoor advertising. According to the Department of Transportation, this may jeopardize up to \$40,000,000 in federal highway funds to the state.

Assumptions:

- Any increase in state expenditures to change and enforce billboard regulation in a manner consistent with the definition provided by the bill is estimated to be not significant.
- Such a definition would subject the state to penalty provisions for non-compliance with the regulation of outdoor advertising found in 23 U.S.C. Section 131.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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